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ANALYSIS

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SUBJECT: FROZEN HERRING MARKET IN FRG

REF: BREMEN'S A-67, AUG 21, 1975

1. TRADE OBSERVERS DESCRIBE CURRENT HERRING SUPPLY, I.E. DOMESTIC LANDINGS AND IMPORTS, AS ADEQUATE. INCLEMENT WEATHER OFF SCANDINAVIAN COAST HAS SOMEWHAT REDUCED RECENT DELIVERIES FROM DENMARK AND NORWAY. HOWEVER, AVAILABLE STOCKS, EVEN THOUGH LOW, PERMIT INDUSTRY TO COVER THIS TEMPORARY SHORTAGE. THE SHIFT BY FISHERMEN FROM CATCHING HERRING FOR REDUCTION PURPOSES TO LANDING HERRING FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION HAS HELPED TO SECURE ADEQUATE SUPPLY EVEN IN THE FACE OF A SMALLER ALLOWABLE CATCH IN THE ICNAF AREA. DEMAND, ALTHOUGH IMPROVING, IS STILL SOMEWHAT SLUGGISH BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING ECONOMIC RECESSION AND A SLOW RETURN BY CONSUMERS TO MORE NORMAL FISH CONSUMPTION AFTER AN UNUSUALLY HOT SUMMER AND THE RECENT HEAT WAVE IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. WITH WEATHER GETTING MARKEDLY COOLER, TRADE AND INDUSTRY SOURCES EXPECT DEMAND TO RECOVER IN THE EARLY PART OF OCTOBER. PRICES FOR IMPORTED FROZEN BUTTERFLY-CUT HERRING FLUCTUATE BETWEEN US \$.26 - .28 PER POUND, CIF GERMAN

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SEAPORT, SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN ONE MONTH AGO. HOWEVER, THIS IS

APPARENTLY MORE RELATED TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE US DOLLAR (UP NEARLY 5 PERCENT FROM AUGUST 24 TO SEPTEMBER 24), RATHER THAN TO THE SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION. BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS INCLEMENT WEATHER REDUCING CATCH, THE CURRENT OUTLOOK IS FOR FAIRLY BALANCED SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AND STABLE PRICES. SMALL ICNAF CATCH QUOTAS MAY CAUSE SUPPLY TO BECOME SLIGHTLY TIGHTER IN JANUARY-MARCH 1976, BUT NO DRAMATIC SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED. PRICES MAY FIRM DURING THAT PERIOD, BUT TRADE OBSERVERS ARE RELUCTANT TO PREDICT EXTENT OF FIRING BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY OVER \$/DM PARITY DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED:

IT IS REQUESTED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE RELAYED TO MR. DIETER SCHNAUCK OF STINSON CANNING CO. OF PROSPECT HARBOR, MAINE 04669. WESTON

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